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FROM THE FRONT

Rumors as to Whereabouts of Gomez and Maceo.

CAMPOS SAFE IN HAVANA.

Communication by Rail and Telegraph Interrupted—Preparations for the Defense of Havana Still Going On.

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—Since the arrival here last night of Captain General Martinez de Campos from Matanzas he has been in conference with leading military and naval officials, the civil dignitaries and the leaders of the different political parties. They assembled at the palace last night and in the course of a number of patriotic speeches pledged their unconditional support to the government in its efforts to suppress the insurrection and promised to do everything possible in the way of moral and actual assistance.

News from the front seems to be interrupted both by rail and telegraph and no information was obtainable concerning the movements of the insurgents. The captain general, upon his arrival here, announced that the Spanish troops in Matanzas occupied advantageous positions and that the Cubans would either be compelled to fight a pitched battle in that province or surrender. It is not generally believed, however, that the march of Gomez and Maceo upon Havana has really been stopped and that they are in retreat. In support of this it is said that if Gomez and Maceo were retreating the government would not be slow in making public every item of news obtainable concerning this feature of the hitherto triumphant march of the insurgents from the province of Puerto Principe.

In the meanwhile active preparations are being made here for the defense and forwarding to the front all the troops which can be spared. It is understood that the Spanish columns in the rear of the insurgent army have been ordered to concentrate as quickly as possible to the frontier of Matanzas and that every effort is to be made to prevent the retreat of the Cubans into Santa Clara.

Throughout the night and all day there has been an air of hurry and anxiety at the different headquarters here which does not seem to indicate that the supreme authorities are in any way satisfied that the insurgents are retreating, and if military activity goes for anything, the most determined efforts are being made to prevent a surprise.

There is considerable speculation here as to the actual number of men under the command of Gomez and Maceo. The highest estimates here are that the Cuban army numbers 12,000 men, while the lowest number of followers the insurgent leaders are credited with having under their command is 6,000. It is to be presumed, however, that Gomez and Maceo may have 10,000 men with them, as they are known to have been joined by large numbers of adherents since they entered the province of Matanzas. The insurgents have also been plentifully supplied with ammunition, said to have been stored for their use at different points and accumulated and hidden for months past.

A conservative estimate of the forces at the disposal of the captain general has been made, and it is estimated that he has about 30,000 regulars and 5,000 volunteers with which to meet the insurgent army. But the Spanish regulars and volunteers are scattered over a large expanse of territory and are not composed of the best of the army, and when the brilliant achievement of Gomez and Maceo in passing through the many Spanish columns, said to number from 40,000 to 50,000 men, in the provinces of Santa Clara and Matanzas is taken into consideration, there is some justification for the belief or the friends of the insurgent cause that it will not be long before Gomez and Maceo are outside of Havana. This, however, is ridiculed by the Spanish authorities here, who claim that the insurgent movement has received a decided check.

IMPORTERS DISTURBED.

New Tariff Bill Hastens the Withdrawal of Imports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Local importers, alarmed over the tariff changes, are withdrawing their goods from bond as fast as possible. There is in bond at present goods valued at \$2,000,000. Importers are trying to withdraw all these imports before the provisions of the new bill take effect. The new bill has disturbed local importers, who do not accept the interpretation of the collector of customs that the new tariff will not affect goods in bond.

Higginson Wants a Divorce.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Libel for divorce was filed in the Suffolk county superior court by R. L. Higginson against his wife, Julia B. Higginson. James W. Smith, with whom Mrs. Higginson is at present supposed to be in Italy, having eloped about a month ago, is named as correspondent.

Naval Officer on Trial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A board has been appointed for the trial of Captain M. A. Healy, until recently in command of the revenue cutter Bear of the Bering sea patrol fleet, on charges of drunkenness, conduct unbecoming an officer in the revenue cutter service, etc.

Mining and Stock Exchange Opened.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 27.—The Salt Lake Mining and Stock exchange was formally opened yesterday. About 500 business men of the city were in attendance, and the enthusiasm shown is a strong indication of the future success of the exchange.

SUIT AGAINST STANFORD ESTATE.

Decision Favorable to the United States (Confidentially Expected).

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—His attention having been called to publications stating that the department of justice had no confidence in its big suit against the estate of the late Senator Stanford, Attorney General Harmon said that he had examined carefully the question involved, and in the light of adverse decisions expected to establish the claim against the Stanford estate by securing a favorable decision from the supreme court of the United States. If the government won the suit, he added, it would be used as a precedent to establish the rights of the government against Mr. Huntington and the other associates of Mr. Stanford in the Central Pacific railroad enterprise.

JAIL DELIVERY.

Twenty-three Federal Prisoners Escape in Indian Territory.

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., Dec. 27.—Twenty-three federal prisoners made their escape from the United States jail at this place yesterday. They had in some unknown way been furnished with a skeleton key, and while all the guards but one were at breakfast they unlocked the jail door, knocked the guard down, chocking him in his face, after which they took his pistol and made their escape, each man running in a different direction. Deputy marshals are in pursuit.

GOOD EXCHANGE.

A Chicken Thief Loses a Pocketbook Containing \$100 and Notes.

MARYSVILLE, O., Dec. 27.—George Hall, who resides northwest of this city, had 18 fine turkeys stolen from his roosts. Yesterday when Mr. Hall discovered his loss he found a pocketbook and upon opening it was surprised to find \$100 in money and three valuable notes. The pocketbook was found near the chicken coop and the thief is said to be a prominent resident of this city.

Very Bold Shopper.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 27.—During the holiday rush in the stores a concerted attempt was made to pass Confederate money. Confederate \$10 bills were passed at Ferguson & Hill's, S. S. White, Solomon & Stein's, the Atlantic Tea company's and at one or two other stores. Attempts were made to pass the money at several other places. The money was passed in all cases by women. The police have no clue.

Denies the Charge.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—General William M. Osborne, ex-police commissioner of Boston, who has been in Louisiana for 10 days, is back, and gives a flat denial to the charge of buying votes for Major McKinley in that state. The charge was made by National Committeeman Leonard at St. Louis that General Osborne had been attempting to bribe members of the state delegation.

Not All Plain Sailing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Republican members of the house who are opposed to the bond bill to be voted on today met in caucus last night at the Elbette House to mature plans for opposition. Forty members, representing 28 states, were present. While the western and southern states were most largely in attendance, there were also members from the east and north.

A State Dispensary Convert.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—The Times prints an interview with Governor Morrill of Kansas, in which the governor says he is a convert to the plan of state regulation of the liquor traffic on the general lines of the Tillman dispensary law now in force in South Carolina. He says the prohibition law of Kansas is a failure.

Member's Jump.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 27.—Harry Menier of Brooklyn, who says he jumped from the bridge over the Hudson at Poughkeepsie, jumped off the Wabash street bridge here into the half frozen river, a distance of 125 feet. He was arrested. He made the perilous leap on a bet of \$25 with William Twombly, a restaurant keeper.

Another Serum Cure.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—An Austrian named Dr. Marmorek, after four years' study at the Pasteur institute, claims to have discovered a serum cure for erysipelas, puerperal fever and all diseases due to the streptococcus microbe and which is also efficacious as an aid to Dr. Roux's treatment for diphtheria.

Football at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 27.—The most unique game of football ever witnessed in this country was played at Citizens' park yesterday afternoon between a picked eleven from Princeton and Yale universities and the Memphis Athletic club. The varsity men won the game easily by a score of 35 to 0.

Will Not Survive the Shock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Isabella J. Irving is not likely to survive the shock which she suffered when she discovered that the \$20,000 in bonds and securities that constitute the most of her fortune, had been stolen from a safe deposit vault in this city.

Shot His Wife and Himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Christmas festivities at Flatbush insane asylum in Brooklyn were marred by a strange crime. Alfred F. Walker shot and dangerously wounded his wife, who is a patient at the asylum, and then shot himself, and is dying.

Clothing Firm Sings.

AKRON, O., Dec. 27.—Holdslein Brothers, clothing and furnishings, assigned yesterday. A chattel mortgage for \$23,000 was filed. The other claims will aggregate \$13,000. The assets are \$20,000.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

At Issue Between Manitoba and Ottawa Government.

DON'T WANT ANY CHANGE.

Manitobans Reject the Separate School Proposition and Stand By a Uniform Non-Sectarian Public School System.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—The full text of Manitoba's second reply to the Ottawa government on the separate schools question is made public by the Manitoba government. The reply states that "so far as the government of Manitoba is concerned, the proposal to establish a system of separate schools in any form will be positively and definitely rejected and the principal of a uniform non-sectarian public school system be adhered to."

It is pointed out that the legal position in regard to the proposed remedial legislation is far from clear. It has been repeatedly declared, according to reported utterances, that remedial legislation does not necessarily mean that the remedial order will be literally followed or that the system of separate schools which existed prior to 1850 will be restored. It would appear reasonable to conclude that no one could seriously contemplate the restoration of that system, yet if legislation in any other form than literal confirmation of the remedial order may be reduced, a great doubt arises as to the competency of parliament to pass such legislation without the same being first submitted to the legislature of the province.

On the other hand the proposed measure would require to be in accord with the order of the governor general in council, so that the first step required might be to amend the remedial order. Whether any power exists to amend the remedial order is also a subject of some doubt.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The house yesterday responded to the appeal of the president by passing a tariff bill, the operation of which is limited to two and a half years and which is designed to raise \$10,000,000 for the treasury. The bond bill will be passed today. The vote was on party lines, with two exceptions. The Republicans all voted for the bill except Hartman of Montana, who did not vote, and the Democrats and Populists against it, save Newlands (Pop., Nev.), who voted in favor of the measure. The special order under which the bill was brought to a vote at 5 o'clock, after three and a half hours of debate, was introduced in its character, and compelled the members to adopt or reject it without opportunity of offering amendments of any kind.

The bill passed repeals the present tariff law until Aug. 1, 1898. It restores 60 per cent of the McKinley rates on wool and woollens, lumber and carpets and makes a horizontal increase of the present rates in all other schedules, except sugar, of 15 per cent. When the bill was put upon its passage it was passed, 205 to 181, the vote being taken by yeas and nays. There was no demonstration of any kind at the announcement of the vote.

Mr. Cannon, the delegate from Utah, asked for immediate consideration of a joint resolution directing the secretary of the territory of Utah to turn over to the governor of Utah, upon the issuance of the executive proclamation admitting the territory as a state, all United States property in the hands of the secretary. The resolution was adopted, and then, at 5:37, the house adjourned until today.

Will Follow Frick's Lead.

DUNBAR, Pa., Dec. 27.—The local coke operators will follow the example of the Frick coke company and give the Frick increase in wages. Nearly all the ovens in the Dunbar district of the Connellsville coke region are controlled by local operators and furnace companies. All the coke works are running full and the indications for a winter of continued prosperity are bright.

Head-on Collision.

ATLANTA, Dec. 27.—In a head-on collision which occurred yesterday between Chattanooga and Peyton on the Georgia Pacific division of the Southern railroad between two freight trains, two firemen and a brakeman were killed, one engineer was perhaps fatally hurt and three trains received painful hurts.

McGoy's Victim Dead.

ORLEANS, Ind., Dec. 27.—Deputy Marshal Brown, who was shot by Ed McGoy Monday evening, died Christmas morning. McGoy was at once removed to Jeffersonville to prevent a lynching.

Struck by a Stray Bullet.

ELWOOD, Ind., Dec. 27.—Nelson Webb, drayman, 20, while driving along the street was struck in the head by a stray ball from a rifle fired by an unknown person. He can not recover.

THIRTY PEOPLE DROWNED.

Loss of Life by Sinking of French Steamer Enfile-Heloise.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Algiers says: By the sinking of the French steamer Enfile-Heloise through being run down by the British steamer Bodolph, 30 of her passengers were drowned, twenty of four as at first reported. Twenty-five of the persons drowned were native Algerians.

COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED.

Chief Hosen Remnds Up Shovers of the Queer.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—The last of the most daring and skillful gang of counterfeiters and shovers of the queer that ever operated in the United States is behind the bars. William P. Hazen, chief of the United States secret service, is in the city for the purpose of making final arrangements for rounding up the gang for trial. Following are the names of the gang: George W. Dice, Kansas City; Thomas Ford and Edward A. Senter, Omaha; J. W. Miller and B. H. Davidson, New Orleans; J. E. Keener, Atlanta; William Graham, Paola, Kas., and Lovell and Benfield, St. Louis. The other two whose names are not given are in St. Louis. Chief Hazen went before Judge Adams in the federal court yesterday and asked for an order to take Dice, the leader of the gang back to Atlanta for trial.

MOVEMENT FELL THROUGH.

New Members Fail to Secure a Caucus of Republicans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—An attempt was made by several new members of the house to secure a caucus of Republicans on the bond bill immediately after the session last night. The petition was started by several New York Republicans and the necessary number of names—15—was secured. The leaders discouraged the plan, however, and Mr. Hooker of New York, at the request of Speaker Reed, it is said, induced several signers to withdraw their names, so the movement fell through.

The petition was addressed to the chairman of the caucus, Mr. Grosvenor, and besides asking for a caucus on the bond bill made the general request that a caucus be called whenever party measures are to be considered in the house.

HEROIC MEASURES.

How Youngstown's Mayor Prepares to Crush the Social Evil.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 27.—Mayor Miller has adopted a policy of checking the social evil by sentencing the women arrested to the longest limit in the workhouse and then suspending sentence, giving them a short time to leave the city, making it a condition that in case they return the sentence will be at once carried into effect. The result has been to compel some of the worst characters to seek a residence elsewhere and avoid a term in the workhouse.

Fifty Shots Fired.

POMEROY, O., Dec. 27.—At a negro dance at Lighthouse Point in Happy Hollow a general row occurred, during which about 50 shots were fired. No one was seriously hurt except John Wax, who was shot in the groin. The wound will probably prove fatal.

Joined the Army.

ARCANEUM, O., Dec. 27.—At the home of Dr. Donovan Robinson of Arcaneum, the wedding of his daughter, Opal, and Lieutenant Edward Sigferous, United States army, was celebrated at 6 p. m. They left at once for Springfield, Mass., their future home.

Hayward's Body to Be Cremated.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—The body of Harry T. Hayward, the murderer of Catherine King, was taken from its temporary resting place in the vault at Lakewood cemetery and shipped to Chicago to be cremated.

Long On the Earth.

NASHUA, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Hannah Lovett, 106, is dead. She was born in Kilmore, County Kerry, Ireland. She was the mother of 12 children. A brother died in Merrimac, Mass., a few years ago, aged 105.

Quarrelled Over a Young Woman.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Robert Carey, a well known young man of East Lynn, was killed by Albert Adkins, a neighbor boy. A quarrel over a young woman led to the tragedy.

Miners Rioting.

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Dec. 27.—The miners at Hardesty are rioting. Sheriff Thompson has hurried there with a large posse.

The Weather.

For Ohio—Fair and colder in eastern portion; west-westerly winds.
For Indiana—Fair and slightly warmer; westerly winds.
For West Virginia—Fair and colder; north-westerly wind.

A Japanese Cruiser Wrecked.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 27.—The cruiser Ewan-Fing, one of the warships captured from China by the Japanese during the recent war, was wrecked on the Pescadore islands. Nearly all her deck officers and 50 men are missing.

An Echo From Peru.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 27.—The young people of this city organized a soiree at the theater in honor of the United States and Venezuela. They will invite all the American representatives here and the cream of Lima society.

Railway Building During the Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Railway building in the United States reached this year a lower point than in any of the last 20 years. The records for 1895 show only 1,722 miles of track laid.

Counterfeiter Pleads Guilty.

OMAHA, Dec. 27.—William Senter, who was arrested at Atlanta with Ford for passing counterfeit money, pleaded guilty in the federal court and will get several years.

Sharp Rise in Values.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The resumption of business after the holiday was marked by a sharp rise in values in the early dealings on the Stock Exchange.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE LOST FOUND

The Strathnevis Had a Terrible Experience.

HER SHAFT WAS BROKEN.

She Lost Her Propeller and Then Drifted About at the Mercy of the Waves With What Little Sail She Carried With Her.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 27.—The steamship Strathnevis which sailed from Tacoma Oct. 13 for the Orient, and was about given up for lost, arrived in port about midnight in tow of the steamer Minola. The officers report a remarkable voyage, filled with dangers and privations.

On Monday afternoon last all hope of saving the vessel was abandoned, and boats were manned preparatory to leaving the vessel, as she was in imminent danger of drifting ashore on Destruction island.

Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the Austrian steamship Miowera, which had the Strathnevis in tow for five days. Ten miles off Cape Flattery last Friday afternoon, during a violent gale, the two steel hawsers parted suddenly and the Miowera disappeared in the storm. The Miowera had the Strathnevis five days and had exhausted the larger portion of her fuel.

The log of the Strathnevis tells a story that is seldom duplicated in the annals of maritime history, and more especially in the north Pacific ocean. Leaving Victoria Oct. 13 with 165 passengers and 45 officers and crew, with moderate weather, a running speed of 10 knots was made until Oct. 23 at 7:40 in the morning, in latitude 49.14 north, and longitude 184.27 west, when the ship experienced a terrific shock, the crash sounding like an explosion of a cannon.

The big steamer tumbled fore and aft and lay quivering like a wounded fawn. The shaft had snapped short off close to the propeller which dropped clear of the vessel and went to the bottom. A strong northern gale was coming on and all sails were crowded on, two small masts without yards, schooner rigged.

The accident occurred about 180 miles south of Unalaska. Slowly the gale carried the vessel to the southwest and it was two days later before she could make any progress toward the east. From that time on under a zig-zag course, she sailed slowly toward Cape Flattery.

SHOT THE CONDUCTOR.

A Tramp Uses His Revolver With Probably Fatal Effect.

ATHENS, O., Dec. 27.—As the east-bound Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern freight train was leaving Athens under charge of Conductor John McGraw, three desperate looking tramps boarded unobserved until the train was in motion. Upon reaching Canaanville, the first station, seven miles distant, the train hands accompanied by the conductor ordered the tramps off the train. They refused, and one of their number fired the contents of a revolver at McGraw which took effect in the face, producing a serious, if not fatal wound.

CREW ATE RAW COFFEE.

Tried to Burn It, Too, When Their Fuel Gave Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The crew of the steamer Salerno, which arrived in this port yesterday, had a hard time during the voyage from Santos, which they left Nov. 13. The vessel encountered a gale this side of the Delaware breakwater and ran before it to Bermuda. The food gave out and the crew ate raw coffee, which was a part of the cargo. Then the fuel gave out and they tried to burn raw coffee, but failed.

CONFESSED TO THREE.

Five Charges of Postal Robbery Against One Man.

WESTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Bull Cunningham was brought before United States Commissioner Hayden again yesterday morning and confessed to the third charge of postoffice robbery against him. He also implicates his cousin, Lloyd Cunningham. There are yet two more charges against him.

The Boxing Carnival.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Joe Vendig announces that he has made final arrangements for the boxing carnival, which is to take place in El Paso, Mexico. The program will be: Feb. 11, Walcott and Bright Eyes, two Texas negroes; Feb. 12, Dixon and Marshall; Feb. 13, Leeds and Everhardt; Feb. 14, Maher and Fitzsimmons.

The Bantamweights.

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—Dan Stuart has received a communication from "Parson" Davies of Chicago offering to match Jimmy Barry against "Peddler" Palmer for the bantamweight championship of the world. Mr. Stuart is willing to offer a purse of \$1,000 for Barry.

and Palmer to battle for during the February pugilistic carnival near El Paso.

Should Have Given Their Names.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Berlin says: It is rumored in diplomatic circles that a number of United States ambassadors who disapprove of President Cleveland's policy on the Venezuelan question, intended to resign if it is persisted in.

Obituaries Mixed.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—George Kennan, the Russian traveler, says the published accounts of the life of Stopnik, the Nihilist leader, outside of Russia, is incorrect, and that the obituary published is really that of Professor Dragomanoff, another Nihilist leader.

In the Hocking River.

ATHENS, O., Dec. 27.—The remains of David Edgar were found in the Hocking river at Nelsonville. He disappeared very mysteriously on Nov. 15. It is believed he committed suicide.

MURDER OF ADDIE GILMOUR.

Jury Returns a Verdict of Not Guilty in the Case of Dr. West.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Final testimony in the trial of Dr. Eugene F. West for the murder of Addie Gilmour was given yesterday, the defendant taking the stand in his own behalf. He tried to throw the responsibility for the death of Addie Gilmour, who died from the effects of a criminal operation, upon two other physicians, Dr. W. A. Harvey and Dr. Tuelcher. West said Harvey sent the girl to him after the operation had been performed and that Tuelcher had begged the body for scientific purposes, afterward telling witness he had dismembered it and thrown it into the bay. The case was submitted to the jury without argument and a verdict of not guilty was returned.

IRON AND STEEL MARKET.

Prices Still Going Lower and Less Business Being Done.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—The American Manufacturer, in its weekly review of the iron and steel trade, says:

The past week has developed nothing new in the iron and steel market further than a continuing lowering of prices and reports of less business being done. The main topics of the past week, the question of our foreign relations and the probability of war, have had a decided effect upon the iron and steel market. It needed no "war scare," however, to keep up the conditions of the market noted a few weeks past. The trade itself seems to be settling down into something like the old rut, with prices lowering and the aggregate of business growing less.

ROUNDING THEM UP.

Gang of Vicious Tramps Locked Up in an Indiana Town.

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 27.—For several days past this place has been overrun with a gang of vicious tramps, who are encamped in the woods near town. They have committed many petty offenses. City Marshal Bonawit summoned a posse of 100 armed citizens and proceeded to place the tramps under arrest. A running fight ensued. After a desperate struggle, lasting three hours, 13 of the more desperate characters were locked up. As many more are still at large and are threatening to burn the town.

PAROON OF A MURDERER.

His Victim Took All the Blame Upon Himself.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—William Walters, who has served 10 years of a 21 years' sentence for the murder of William Sterry in Orange county in a fight over a game of cards, received the governor's Christmas pardon. It is said Sterry's dying request was that Walters be not prosecuted, Sterry taking all the blame upon himself.

Indiana Commercial Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—The state board of commerce began its annual meeting yesterday. The commercial bodies of Evansville, New Albany, Muncie, Marion, Plymouth and Elwood were represented. A committee on resolutions was appointed. The reading of papers was begun today.

Wanted to Be an Angel.

GOSHEN, Ind., Dec. 27.—John Smeltzer, 40, one of the earliest settlers and wealthiest residents of the county, attempted suicide at Wankarusa by hanging himself to a rafter in the barn, and now lies in a dying condition. His act is the result of an attempt to become sanctified.

He Is a Smooth Individual.

WATERLOO, Ind., Dec. 27.—An unknown swindler has been working postmasters at small villages through this section. He represents himself as an inspector, and after inspecting and auditing accounts takes the cash on hand and leaves.

Mother of Twenty-Five Children.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 27.—Investigation following the murder last Sunday of Hester Curtis, an aged woman of this city, develops the rather remarkable fact that she had been the mother of 25 children including seven pairs of twins.

Think

Before you decide to buy a medicine, that the one which accomplishes the greatest cures, has the largest sales—in fact the One True Blood Purifier—is

Remember

That the best blood medicine before the public—the one which accomplishes the greatest cures, has the largest sales—in fact the One True Blood Purifier—is

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Therefore, get Hood's and Only Hood's. Prepared by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. 51.

Hood's Pills the after-dinner pill and family cathartic. 25c.

Another Match.

A friend of Bishop Wilmer, of Alabama, lost a dearly beloved wife, and in his sorrow caused these words to be inscribed on her tombstone: "The light of mine eyes has gone out." The bereaved married within a year. Shortly afterward the bishop was walking through the graveyard with another gentleman. When they arrived at the tomb the latter asked the bishop what he would say of the present state of affairs, in view of the words on the tombstone. "I think," said the bishop, "the words 'But I have struck another match' should be added."

In 1892 Mr. A. L. Coldwater, who owns three retail drug stores in New York City, having learned of the great value of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds, croup and whooping cough, ordered a supply for his customers. It met with so much favor that he soon found it necessary to order more, and during the winter sold over two gross of the remedy. He says it gives the best satisfaction of any cough cure he has ever handled. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Melville Bros., next to Post Office. C. W. Helster, 58 Public Square.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month, with good results." H. F. Vorkamp, N. E. cor. Main and North streets.

The Lightning's Power.

A chance observation has made it possible to express the force of a stroke of lightning in horse-power. During a recent storm which passed over Germany a bolt struck a wooden support in a dwelling, and in the top of this column were two wire nails thirty-seconds of an inch in diameter. The electric fluid melted the two nails instantly.

In Evening Dress.

For those who don evening dress only infrequently much danger lurks, as all know, in the removal of high necked underwear and the sudden exposure of unaccustomed neck and shoulders to winter temperature. In such an event a wise course to pursue is to begin the day before the festive occasion to bathe the chest, neck and shoulders profusely with alcohol and to continue this treatment throughout the following day. There is no better preventive of colds, and alcohol does not, as is the case with so many such helps, leave an unpleasant odor behind. For the last 12 hours before putting on the evening clothes it is well to wear about the house a lighter weight bodice or thinner flannels to accustom oneself by degrees to the coming change.

To engage in war without a clear necessity is a crime of the blackest dye. When the necessity is clear, it then becomes a crime to shrink from it.—Southey.

"The height of impudence" is defined to be calling one doctor up to learn the address of another doctor.

In London there are 165 hospitals, dispensaries and convalescent homes for the benefit of the sick and poor.

A Donkey Superstition.

The early Christians had a superstition that the black mark running down the back of a donkey, and out at right angles by a similar mark across the shoulder, is the mark of the cross, and that it was miraculously placed upon the ass that Christ rode upon his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This superstition is said to prevail at the present day in Spain and Italy.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became a woman, she clung to Castoria.
When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. F. Vorkamp, N. E. cor. Main and North streets, and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, (30c) which always gives relief.

CHURCH BUT FIGHTS

ORIGINAL PLAN OF COWBOYS TO A.D. RELIGION.

Will Differ From the Stereotyped Spanish Fight—South Dakota the Scene of the Novelty—People Excited and a Success Anticipated.

A bull fight is not often given to raise money for a religious purpose, but such is the plan which the residents of Ziebach, Nowlin and Sterling counties, in South Dakota, have now in contemplation. The fight itself will resemble little the stereotyped affair to which the Spanish-American states and the parent country in Europe are accustomed. The idea originated with the cowboys on the Wernoch ranch, in Ziebach county, on the east bank of the Cheyenne river, and from all indications the entertainment will be a great success.

For some time the Methodists of the counties in question have been thinking of establishing a church at a central point where all the residents of the district can reach it. The country is thinly populated, not to mention the fact that only a small proportion of such population as there is takes the slightest interest in religious matters, and the difficulty of raising the necessary funds was for months an insurmountable obstacle in the way of the establishment of the house of worship.

The Wernoch cowboys were not among those who felt the need of religious instruction, but they were deeply interested when the daughter of a neighboring rancher suggested the bull fight as an excellent plan for raising money. Within a week from the time the suggestion was made the outlines of the fight had been roughly sketched, and volunteers were eagerly offering themselves for a part in the festivities.

Several very young steers were selected to play the star roles and a score of cowboys to fill the secondary parts. The religious element would not hear to the torture of the animals, and it was accordingly arranged that the fighters should be armed only with their heavy quirts or whips of hair and be permitted to resort to the use of firearms only in case of absolute necessity. As the men will all be mounted it is unlikely that any such occasion will arise, and the steers will probably enjoy the performance quite as much as the cowboys.

When an animal has been in the ring for a sufficient length of time, it will simply be lassoed and dragged aside and another brought in to take its place.

The exact date of the fight has not yet been fixed. It will probably be some time in January, weather permitting, or a few weeks later in case severe cold should make the exhibition impossible during that month. A large attendance is promised from the towns in the vicinity, and a considerable sum will undoubtedly be raised for an early start upon the new church.—New York World.

MEMPHIS HAS A HEALER.

A Colored Man Said to Cure by Touching Patients.

George Herman Jones of Memphis, colored, says that several weeks ago he saw a woman suffering from rheumatism. Something, he said, told him to cure her. He called her to him, passed his hands over her face, and the pain fled, he says. The next person he says he cured was Charles Hunt, a brick mason who was suffering from consumption. B. F. Hatcher, once suffering from entire paralysis and decay of one arm, has been made whole by Jones, it is said. Paylis Thompson, an old negro, became so ill from rheumatism that she was compelled to use crutches. Aunt Phyllis, it is asserted, has been cured by Jones.

Jones is an ignorant fellow and attributes his power to spirits. A committee of physicians is studying Jones' work.

COURTING BY PROXY.

And Now the Bashful Husband Won't Pay the Price Agreed On.

A remarkable case of love-making by proxy came up before Justice Rogers of St. Paul. Casper Schmidt, a wealthy farmer living near the state fair grounds, asks that a brother farmer, August Sidenkranz, pay him \$100 for securing the latter a wife.

Schmidt testified that he had entered into a regular contract with Sidenkranz, because of the latter's bashfulness, to do his courting for him and secure therefor \$100. Schmidt secured his sister-in-law as the bride, and Sidenkranz was duly married to her, paying \$10 down and agreeing to pay the remainder at a later day. The \$90 was not forthcoming, and the suit followed.

New Use For Cornucop.

Frank Shafer brought to Laramie, Wyo., the other day a sample of sirup which a number of experts pronounced genuine maple sirup. It was nothing more or less than cornucop sirup, made as follows: Twelve clean cobs were put in a gallon of water and boiled until soft. Then the juice was strained off and a gallon of dark brown sugar solution added. This is boiled a little while, resulting in a fine quality of sirup, hardly distinguishable from the maple product.

A Lynching Tax.

Senator Flanagan has introduced a bill in the Virginia legislature to prevent lynching. It carries into effect in part the governor's recommendations by providing that the board of supervisors of any county or council of any city or town wherein a lynching occurs shall pay into the state treasury \$2 for every 1,000 inhabitants for each lynching.

How Do Politicians Thrive There?

"They've just elected a new president of the republic of Switzerland without any election and without even the formality of a presidential campaign. Early success.—Boston Herald.

ABOUT THE BRONCHO.

Intelligence of a Mexican Cow Patcher's Invaluable Friend.

A few words about this horse, the horse of the plains. Whether or no his forefathers looked on when Montezuma fell, they certainly hailed from Spain. And whether it was missionaries or thieves who carried them northward from Mexico until the Sioux heard of the new animal, certain it also is that this pony ran wild for a century or two, either alone or with various red skinned owners, and as he gathered the sundry experiences of war and peace, of being stolen and of being abandoned in the snow at inconvenient distances from home, of being ridden by two women and a baby at once and of being eaten by a bear, his wide range of contortions brought him a wit sharper than the street Arab's and an attitude toward life more blasé than the united capitals of Europe. I have frequently caught him watching me with an eye of such sardonic depreciation that I felt it quite time to attempt any hiding from him of my incompetence, and, as for surprising him, a locomotive cannot do it, for I have tried this. He relishes putting a man in absurd positions and will wait many days in patience to compass this uncharitable thing, and when he cannot bring a man to derision he contents himself with a steer or a buffalo, helping the man to rope and throw these animals with an ingenuity surpassing any circus, to my thinking.

A number of delighted passengers on the Kansas Pacific railway passed by a Mexican vaquero who had been sent out from Kansas City to rope a buffalo as an advertisement for the stockyards. The train stopped to take a look at the solitary horseman fast to a buffalo in the midst of the plains. Jose, who had his bull safely roped, shouted to ask if they had any water on the train. "We'll bring some," said they. "Oh, I come get," said he, and jumping off he left his accomplished pony in sole charge of the buffalo. Whenever the huge beast struggled for freedom the clever pony stiffened his legs and leaned back in a tug of war, by jumps and dodges so anticipating each move of the enemy that escape was entirely hopeless. The boy got his drink, and his employer sent out a car for the buffalo, which was taken in triumph into Kansas City behind the passenger train.

The Mexican narrated the exploit to his employer thus: "Oh, senior, when the train start they all give three great big cheers for me and then they give three much bigger cheers for the little gray boss."—Philadelphia Evening Item.

Map of North America.

I have lately, to my great surprise, met with a very interesting map of North and Central America, published in Paris in 1694, hanging on the bedroom wall of an invalid cottager, formerly a farm laborer, to whom I go to read from time to time. It is in wonderfully good preservation, and the names are as legible as if they had been printed yesterday instead of 200 years ago. Its title is in both Latin and French. It seems to be very accurate, considering its date, although it looks strange enough on comparing it with a modern map of North America. I was much interested in finding myself almost at once on the track of Milton—in "Estotiland, on Terre de Laborador" (see "Paradise Lost," book 10, 688). What is the derivation of "Estotiland"? I do not see "Norumbega" marked, mentioned by Milton a few lines farther on. Professor Masson says that "Norumbega, in old maps, is the part of the coast of the present United States nearest to Canada." In a note, however, quoted in an earlier edition of Milton's "Poems" (Sir Egerton Brydges, 1842) a very different locality is assigned to Norumbega. There it is stated to be a "province of the northern Armenia." The map, with its margin, is nearly 23 inches long by 21 broad.—Notes and Queries.

About Temperature.

The best authorities on the science of meteorology tell us that without the various changes of temperature there would be a perfect calm at all times in all parts of the globe. A uniform and unvarying barometric pressure would everywhere prevail, and there would be no changes of seasons, no evaporation or condensation, no clouds, no rain. In short, without changes of temperature the atmosphere would soon become poisonous, stagnant and incapable of sustaining human life.—St. Louis Republic.

From the Courtroom.

Judge—Raise your hand to take the oath. (The witness puts up the left one.)

Judge—Not that one.

Witness—Which one?—Lastige Blatter.

A Double Meaning.

One reason why young men when they come out of college are called bachelors of arts may be because they are most of them too poor to get married then.—Somerville Journal.

IS PALMER COX A PLAGIARIST?

His Draw Sprites Like Brownies For Punch Years Ago.

Mr. Shaw of Stockton, Cal. makes the startling charge that the celebrated Palmer Cox, the man who has always been supposed to have been the creator of the fascinating brownies, is a plagiarist: that he has stolen his ideas from other sources; that the brownies were the fancy of another man's brain and were disappearing themselves after the manner of goblins when Mr. Cox, as Mr. Shaw elegantly puts it, "was still on spoon diet." In other words, according to the statement of this California Hawkshaw, Mr. Palmer Cox was but 4 years old when the brownies were first introduced to the public.

It seems that one afternoon while Mr. Shaw was rummaging over some old books in the Stockton Public library he chanced to run across a bound volume of The Illustrated London News for the year 1845. Skimming lightly over its pages, he was somewhat taken aback when his eyes fell upon a quaint drawing of one Finz. In this quaint drawing the lineaments and outlines of the celebrated Mr. Brownie plainly appeared.

Mr. Shaw then proceeded to investigate further, and succeeded in unearthing a lot more brownies in elderly numbers of London Punch. These were printed long, long ago, when Punch was a funny paper. There were swarms of brownies in them—Irishmen, Indians, policemen, Chinamen and soldiers—"all created," says Mr. Shaw, referring to the event from which all Californians reckon time, "four or five years before gold was discovered in California."

Finz is the pseudonym for Hablot Knight Browne. He had been an artist on Punch for many years, and had been the illustrator of Dickens' "Pickwick Papers." His success had at once established his reputation as one of the first among the comic artists of the day.

LOVE FOUND A WAY.

Even a Bulldog and Coal Tar Couldn't Halt These Lovers.

John Watson Hines, a young farmer of Wolcott, N. Y., after an ardent courtship asked early last week for the hand of his sweetheart, Miss Emma Eileen Beon, daughter of Joshua G. Beon, a neighboring farmer, and was nearly kicked out of the house. On Friday night the lovers prepared to elope.

Mounted on a barrel, young Hines helped his sweetheart from her chamber and then fell into the barrel, covering himself with the contents, liquid coal tar.

Forth rushed Pa Beon at the sound, followed by Koscusko, his faithful and ferocious bulldog, and they chased the pair into the barn, where Hines' bnggy was concealed. The dog was hoisted through a hole and attacked the lovers, but he was speedily killed with a few well directed strokes of a pitchfork. Then Pa Beon stormed, swore and shrieked, for he was in his tin nightgown, till the cold wind and the snow under his bare feet forced a compromise. The whole party returned to the house, and the wedding was arranged for Christmas, after which the old man was put to bed, from which he has not since risen. Young Hines spoiled his best suit of clothes, but got his girl.

PLATE GLASS VS. TURKEY.

Though a Quarter of an Inch Thick, It Gave Way.

The other morning a gentleman from the country went to Belton, Tex., having some turkeys in his wagon. Shortly after he drove upon the courthouse square one of his turkeys got loose. He hopped out of the wagon, and started across the square toward the opera house. The man and his dog started after it full tilt. The race was a pretty one. By the time the turkey got to the opera house it was doing its best, half running and half flying.

The front of the lower story of the opera house is filled with fine, large, French plate glass windows, and when the turkey arrived at these it did not notice the obstruction nor stop for it, but went through it as if it were not there. It broke a large hole in the window, but that did not impede the progress of the turkey. It lost a few feathers, but when captured did not seem to be otherwise injured. The glass in the window was fully a quarter of an inch in thickness.—Galveston News.

To Reach a Volcano.

Engineers have completed the survey of the volcano Popocatepetl, in Mexico, for the purpose of determining the best location for an aerial cable railway to the summit. It has been determined to start the line from the ranch of Tlamanca, on the northwest, and tourists will be able to make the ascent to the summit, nearly 18,000 feet above the sea, with entire ease and also descend into the crater, where the work of extracting sulphur is going on.

A Salvation War.

A fierce but somewhat funny war is waging in Pontiac, Mich., where the Salvation Army has its headquarters in the same building with a saloon, the former up stairs and the latter on the ground floor. Every man who wants a drink has to run the gauntlet of a line of pickets set out by the Salvationists, and the incidents of the skirmishes and hand to hand conflicts are highly interesting to onlookers.

A Curious Fact.

It is a curious fact that there are 635 more persons and firms engaged in the liquor business in the prohibition state of Iowa than in Kentucky, where the manufacture of whiskey is considered a fine art and its consumption an accomplishment.

An Eye to Business.

It might have been suspected that when St. Louis put up that fine railway station it had in view some scheme which would bring it into use.—Chicago Record.

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How Schweninger Trained Bismarck.

The third volume of Von Puschinger's work on Prince Bismarck contains several hitherto unpublished anecdotes. One of these relates how Dr. Schweninger became the chancellor's private physician and subjugated the great man to his will. Dr. Schweninger, who was indebted to Herr Doetze, a deputy, for his introduction to Bismarck's household, recognized the strong temperament with which he had to deal and resolved to assume the whiphand at the very outset. Three days after his advent the chancellor fell ill. The doctor forbade him to partake of a certain dish of which he was particularly fond. Bismarck rebelled and had it placed before him notwithstanding. Hearing of what had been done, Dr. Schweninger entered the room, took the dish forcibly from the patient's hands and flung it out of the open window. The man of iron perceived that he had met his match and was ever afterward the most docile of patients under Dr. Schweninger's hands.—Westminster Gazette.

A Holiday In Bed.

Two hospital nurses adopted a novel method of spending a fortnight's holiday. They hired a cottage in the country and an old woman to attend on them. From the moment they entered the door until the time for departure came they were never seen, and the villagers naturally concluded that there was some mystery connected with them. Some even thought of consulting the police on the subject. On their way back to the railway station they called on the vicar to give him a trifle for his charities and explained the secret. They were nurses and had spent their whole time in bed. Accustomed to sleep in such snatches as they could get, their notion of a holiday was a period of long and undisturbed repose.—London Standard.

Agony Easy to Bear.

Husband—Now, my darling, be sure to write to me the moment you arrive at your sister's, telling me all about your journey and exactly how you felt after the wearying ride. I shall be in an agony of suspense until I hear that you have arrived safely and in good health. Wife—Oh, I won't wait to write. I'll send you a nice, long telegram. Husband—Um! That is very thoughtful, my angel, but—these telegraph companies are very unreliable. Put your telegram in an envelope and mail it to me, and then I'll be sure to get it. Here's a 2 cent stamp.—New York Weekly.

Snobbishness To Dogs.

A dog fancier once took exception to Professor Huxley's assertion that "one of the most curious peculiarities of the dog mind was its inherent snobbishness, shown by the regard paid to external respectability. The dog who barks furiously at a beggar will let a well dressed man pass him without opposition." He said that, in fact, only dogs of well dressed persons act so. Dogs accustomed to men in rags bark, not at beggars, but at persons clothed in sleek broadcloth.—Chicago Chronicle.

Consider the Lilies.

In Louisiana the beautiful lilies of the bayons are gathered by the thousand and fed to swine. The lily is said to be as great a favorite with the hog as with the poet.—Memphis Commercial.

Self Acting Weapons.

A common story was to the effect that a Muramusa sword was once on a time pledged to a pawnbroker. The fellow thought this a fine opportunity to parade himself as a gentleman, and accordingly, on a festival day he wore the sword. Quarreling with some idle fellows, he essayed to use the weapon, but his unfamiliarity with it excited the derision of the bystanders, who humorously ridiculed his bungling manner. But the merit of these individuals was short lived. The sword itself took the matter in hand, as though the taunts impugned its own skill, and soon laid low all its traducers. Then it turned against the unfortunate pawnbroker and killed him.

Another story is the basis of a popular Japanese drama, and tells of the adventures of a samurai with a strange sword which he had borrowed from a pawnbroker. He lightly hit a man with the blade without apparently wounding him in the least. Some time after the man suddenly dropped dead, and it was found that the sword had inflicted a mortal wound even when it had scarcely drawn blood. Upon examination this was found to be a Muramusa, which, though coming from the dishonor of a pawnshop and carried in the hands of an incompetent, had thus made manifest its power.—Lyman Horace Weeks in Lippincott's.

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In many of the schools (sense training is being let) little boys and girls from 6 old.

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"To see with," came the answers. "Hands up—what are for?" You may tell, Tomm

"To hear with."

"Right. Now, hands are your noses for?"

One little fellow leaned with his arm stretched to limit.

"What is it, George?"

"To blow," piped George.

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"No."

"Ye didn't even carry ship."

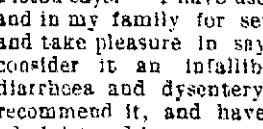
"I shorley didn't."

"Well, Josiah, a wife's never fails. I still believ

"That's downright ki Maddy."

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THE SARGASSO SEA.

A MEADOW OF FLOATING WEEDS IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

What at First Thought Appears to Be a Great Mystery Is Found to Be Very Simple When Explained—Cause of Mutiny Among the Sailors of Columbus.

Only a bit of floating seaweed that the restless surf washed upon the beach, and yet the mere sight of it carried my thoughts back to one of the most important events in the history of the world, for its far away ancestors well nigh prevented the discovery of America.

You know the story—how the ignorant sailors of Columbus became alarmed and almost mutinied when their ships sailed into what appeared to be a perfect network of impenetrable weeds. They believed that the thickening sea was a warning of Providence to turn back from their audacious undertaking, and it required all the firmness and authority of Columbus to bring them back to duty and obedience. That wonderful mass of seaweeds was something new and mysterious and therefore to be feared.

Later on, when the Spaniards became familiar with its constant presence in that triangular space midway in the Atlantic between the Azores, the Canaries and the Cape de Verde islands, they called it a "marine meadow." The sailors, however, christened it the Sargasso sea, from the Spanish word sargazo, which means seaweed. Still, though satisfied that it was not of supernatural origin, they could not account for its existence.

Science, however, long ago solved the mystery, not only of this, but of other Sargasso seas. For there are several others, and they are always found, each in almost the same spot. The diurnal motion of the earth, the never ceasing rush of the tides and the steady force of the winds create, under the tropics, a surface current in the sea, which advances, from east to west, at the rate of about ten marine miles an hour.

This current, which is called the equatorial current, or current of rotation, is only superficial, and extends in one vast mobile sheet, which moves between the tropics. It forms the genial waters of the Caribbean sea and feeds the gulf stream. At Cape San Roque it divides, one part flowing south to meet and be transformed into a submarine current by the north polar current; on the other side it bathes the shores of Guiana and Brazil.

And then there is the "gulf stream of the east," which issues from the bay of Bengal. Its waters, like those of our own gulf stream, may be distinguished from the bordering waters of the great ocean by their indigo tint. The Japanese call it the black river.

Leaving the bay of Bengal, this great warm current passes through the strait of Malacca, sweeps the coast of Asia, and then, north of the Philippine islands, rushes out into the ocean, describing the arc of a great circle as far as the Atlantic islands. Like the gulf stream of the Atlantic, it moderates the rigor of the climates that it traverses.

The analogy between these two great oceanic arteries is wonderful, but it is enough for our present purpose to know that to their circulations currents the Sargasso seas owe their existence.

How? Well, this is easily explained. Drop some pieces of light moss or bits of cork or wood into a tub of water; then with your hand near its edge give the water a circular motion. In a moment you will see that all the floating substances will have collected in the center. Continue the circular motion, and at the same time blow sharply against the floating objects, and they will change their position, but will not leave the vicinity of the center so long as the rotary motion of the water continues. Observe, too, that this center is comparatively calm.

This is the explanation of the Sargasso seas. In the center of the several circuits of the great oceanic arteries vast basins of comparatively still water are formed. The currents by which they are surrounded constantly throw toward the center all floating substances, especially marine plants, and these, owing to the quiet waters, multiply with great rapidity, those that have lived their appointed time sinking out of sight, while new ones take their place. Even the action of the winds, as intimated above, serves only to shift this position slightly.

The "marine meadow" with which we are most familiar, that of the mid-Atlantic, spreads over an extent of surface five or six times as large as the territory occupied by France. What a wonderful meadow on land that would be for cattle! And yet it is scarcely less so where it is for the creatures of the sea.

This sargassum, or gulf weed, is rather odd looking. Its frond is very long and furnished with distinct, stalked, nervous leaves and berry-like air vessels on simple auxiliary stalks. It is found floating or cast on the shores, but its true home is at the bottom of the sea, whence, becoming detached, it rises to the surface, buoyed up by its curious little air vessels.

The sargassum hardly looks "good enough to eat," but that it is both palatable and nutritious is abundantly proved by the many dishes that are prepared from it, not only in China, but in other parts of the east.—Helen Harcourt in Philadelphia Times.

He Approved the Recipe.

"Do you know, dear," said Mr. Harcourt, "that I like the way you make a Welsh rabbit?"

"Why, Charley," she exclaimed, "you know you couldn't eat the last one."

"Yes. And I want you to make 'em all just like it. Whenever I eat Welsh rabbit, I have indigestion."—Washington Star.

Vitamin once meant the serf who belonged to the farm and was bought, sold or exchanged with it.

Cotton.

In the interesting studies of the structural peculiarities of cotton Dr. Walter Gardner has found that, when magnified to the extent of about 150 diameters, a typical cotton fiber has the appearance of a slightly twisted band or ribbon with irregular surface markings, the thickness being greater, as a rule, at the edges than in the center, and having, therefore a grooved or channeled aspect. The spiral character is much more highly developed in some varieties than in others, being less prominent, for example, in the latter qualities of sea island. A transverse section of the fiber exhibits a central cavity running longitudinally with respect to the fiber, this appearing sometimes as a white and sometimes as a black streak between the thick edges of fiber when viewed in plan. The breadth of the fiber, which varies from 0.004 to 0.001 inch, is in the average somewhat less than that of wool, the latter ranging from 0.005 to 0.002 inch, though a comparison of the thickness of an absolutely no value in distinguishing between the fibers—a point in which still also is similar, having a diameter of about 0.0007 inch. What are known as "dead" cotton and "macerized" cotton have an entirely different appearance from ordinary cotton, but the former is only met with as individual fibers, and the latter is of no wide importance practically.

An Editor and His Soap.

An editor who died of starvation after making Dr. Tamer ashamed of himself, was being escorted to heaven by an angel who had been sent for that purpose.

"May I look at the other place before we ascend to eternal happiness?"

"Easily," said the angel.

So they went below and skimmed around before taking in the sights. The angel lost track of the editor, and went around hedges to hunt for him. He found him sitting by a furnace fanning himself and gazing with rapture upon a bit of people in the fire. There was a sign on the door which said, "Delicious Subscribers."

"Come," said the angel, "we must be going."

"You go on," said the editor, "I'm not coming. This is heaven enough for me."

Now is the time to subscribe to the East Anzona Citizen—cash in advance. And now is the time to settle your subscriptions.—East Anzona Citizen.

The Welsh Servant Girl.

She came into the drawing room (there were visitors present) and said:

"If you please, William Hughes has come. He says he has no head and has sold his tongue." This extraordinary information startled me for a moment until I remembered that I had ordered a calf's head and an ox tongue of Hughes, the local butcher. Another Welsh maiden in South Wales sent in a singular message one evening by my English maid. She brought "Mrs. Griffith's love, and she hoped my strange people were well after their journey." Mrs. Griffith, a near neighbor, had called in the morning and been told by me that I expected relatives, whom she had met, from Wales; worth that afternoon, so she had sent polite inquiries, and as visitors are in the Welsh language, designated strangers the Welsh servant had, for the benefit of the English one, translated it into "strange people."—London Spectator.

A Vermont Curiosity.

The Rutland division of the Central Vermont railroad crosses the mountains at Mount Holly Summit Station being 1,440 feet above sea level. Near that station, when the railroad was building, the risks of a large American elephant were dug up. These are considered the greatest curiosities ever found in Vermont and are today, or were very recently, preserved in the state capital building. In the same collection of wonders may be seen the skeleton of an immense prehistoric whale which was found in the town of Charlotte in 1879 while some excavations were being made. The skeleton is that of a whale at least 150 feet in length. The place where it was found is exactly 150 feet above the present level of the sea.—Exchange.

Found Fault With Hamlet.

There is an old, a very old, tale told of a venerable lady, who, after reading the play of "Hamlet" for the first time, said, "It is a very good play, as plays go, but it is made up of quotations." This good dame, although she was probably unaware of it, was acknowledging, in a roundabout way perhaps, the indebtedness of our language to our national bard; phrases, sentences and sometimes whole lines from his writings have been crystallized, as it were, into colloquial English, and there are probably more quotations drawn from the works of Shakespeare than from those of any other author, ancient or modern.—Chambers' Journal.

Component Parts of an Egg.

The ordinary hen's egg weighs about 1,600 grains, the white constituting about 600 grains, the yolk 300 and the shell 160. Divide the contents of an egg chemically, and it will be found that the white consists chiefly of water (83 parts to the 100). The other 17 parts are divided between dry albumen and salts, of the former 15½ parts and of the latter 1½ parts. The yolk is composed of a very strong solution of albumen, in which multitudes of minute globules of oil are held in suspension.—St. Louis Republic.

Music is the mediator between the spiritual and the sensual life. Although the spirit be not master of that which it creates through music, yet it is blessed in this creation, which, like every creation of art, is mightier than the artist.—Reethoven.

The word tinsel once meant brilliant, shining. Milton uses it in this sense when he speaks of "the tinsel slipped feet of Thetis."

KATIE AND THE TENOR.

A BIT OF GIRLISH ROMANCE WITH AN UNROMANTIC ENDING.

An Impressionable Maiden and the Singer Who Has Seen Much of the World. She Got the Autograph, but After It Was All Over Felt Very Foolish.

I have heard this about a romantic young girl who became infatuated with a certain famous tenor last winter: She saw him in a favorite role, and his dashing appearance and superb singing made such an impression upon her that she became "opera mad." As she told her friends, but "tenor mad" would be nearer the mark.

All her pen money she saved and turned into seats for the different performances.

She bought every photograph of her favorite that she could find and grew wildly jealous of the sopranos and contraltos who sang the opposite roles to him.

Of course she couldn't go on like this without having a confidant so she selected a school friend and told her all. There wasn't much "all" to it, but the friend thought it was delightfully amusing.

"Has he ever noticed you, Katie?"

"No," replied Katie, "I don't think that he has. There was one time that I thought he was looking at me over the footlights, and, oh, Laura, I became so faint that I was afraid I'd fall off my seat. But I think he was looking at the conductor."

"Yes, they look at the conductor a good deal, dear. I wonder why?"

"Oh, I suppose they're fond of him."

Well, they went to three more performances, and by this time Katie was a case of "clean gone."

"Laura, dear, if I could just take his hand and look into his eyes and ask him for his autograph, I think I'd be willing to die right there!"

"I don't see any harm in that."

"In my dying?"

"No, precisely! In your just shaking hands with him and asking him for his autograph. You take his best photograph, and I'll get a fountain pen, and we'll go after the marines tomorrow."

"To the theater?"

"Why, yes. You couldn't go to his hotel."

So this plan was agreed on, and a nice flurry poor Katie was in.

She went and heard the opera the next day in a kind of dream, and when it was over rose in a white heat of excitement.

"We must give him time to dress," said the practical Laura. "So we'll go and have a cup of chocolate."

They dawdled over this refreshment for 20 minutes, and then started for the stage door. A stout, coarse man barred their passage here, and asked:

"Well, young ladies, what can I do for you?"

Katie was simply speechless, so Laura spoke up.

"We wish to see Mr. —"

"He won't see you. He's gone to his dinner, anyway. But he's got no time to see anybody unless you have an appointment with him."

Then Laura the brazen told a whopper.

"We have," she said, pining, "I don't know how we missed him."

"Well, he's dining at the H—"

"House," said the doorman. "He said some people might call for him. You can go there and send in your card."

So they decided to do, and to the hotel they went.

They sat all a-tremble in the gayly decorated reception room after they had launched their cards, and presently they heard a manly tread.

Nearer, nearer, nearer.

Katie seized Laura by the hand and shook with emotion.

Then a tall form appeared in the doorway, and the tenor stood before them.

A little older looking, not so romantic in appearance, and holding a napkin in his hand instead of a tracheon or a sword—but still the tenor.

He advanced courteously and bowed as he looked at them and at their cards.

"I do not think I have the pleasure," he began.

Then Laura burst in with what they wanted. He frowned a little and then smiled wearily.

"I am at dinner," he said, "and I have friends dining with me, but I will do what you desire."

So they produced the pictures. There were four instead of one, and he signed them in a bold hand.

"Will you pardon me?" he queried.

"But I am pressed for time. I am glad to have met you."

Then he turned to go, and Katie found her voice.

"Will you—will you—let me shake hands with you?" she stammered.

He smiled.

"Certainly," he said, and he gave her a strong hand clasp.

The poor, silly child bent forward, kissed his hand and half fell upon her knees.

He raised her instantly and said:

"I thank you for this tribute to the artist. It is not for the man. My dear young lady, I am 56 years old, and I have seen too much of the world to encourage the impulses of young girls like you, who are often not in their right minds regarding stage people. Goodbye and good luck to you."

So away he went, and the two devotees trailed out into the gloaming, feeling a little ashamed of themselves and wondering whether operative and theatrical people hadn't found brave Ponce de Leon's fountain of perpetual youth.

—Polly Pry in New York Recorder.

She Has Felt Good Ever Since.

"Do you think I stand too much before the looking glass?" she asked as a soft blush suffused her satin cheek.

"Oh, no," he replied; "there should be ten mirrors in the room. Such beauty as yours cannot be multiplied enough."

—Boston Courier.

Games Among Monks.

The recreations of the monks were few and far apart. The chief of them was the game of the jumping up and down the little walls of the narrow limits of the cloister and garden, or cemetery, during certain hours of the day, where every such gossipy talk as Jocelyn de Brakelunda tells us of in his quaint "Memoirs of the House of St. Edmund at Bury," in the days of King John, was sternly checked by that obdient, the Circle, as he moved about among the brethren at recreation. There was a bowling green for the monks, which the professed monks seemed to have used at times. These novices and the other schoolboy pupils in the house have left the traces of their games. On the stone benches of the cloister cloisters, where we know these boys were taught, and where they spent a portion of their lives, are playboards not obscurely marked in the stones.

These gameboards for "fox and goose," "Nine men's Morris," "in and out" and other games are found in other conventional buildings at Westminster, Norwich, Salisbury, Durham, etc. Other vestiges of unlawful recreation of the more youthful dwellers in a monastery, such as cutting and carving the stones with letters and other devices, are occasionally found—for instance, half way up the winding stair of the great tower at Gloucester there is a rough little figure in the perfect dress of a burgher of the time of the wars of the roses, evidently the secret work of a youthful amateur carver in stone.

In some monasteries the monk was allowed to possess and to amuse himself with strange pet animals, such as apes, peacocks, falcons and even tame bears.

Twelve Series of Perfumes.

A leading authority on perfumes divides the entire list into 12 series: 1. Floral, as of the rose, violet and mint.

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8. The seed series, as the caraway and vanilla.

9. The balsam and gum series, of which there are many varieties.

10. All perfumes and essences derived from fruits.

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A Transformation Scene.

A fashionable audience in Paris recently listened to a lecture on chemistry by a celebrated chemist. At the conclusion of the lecture a lady and gentleman who were among the first to leave the hall had reached the open air, when the lady caught her escort staring at her.

"What is the matter?" asked the madame in surprise. "Pardon me, but you are quite blue!"

The lady returned to the hall and approached a mirror. She started back in horror. The rouge upon her cheeks had been converted into a beautiful blue by the chemical decomposition which had taken place under the influence of the gases which had been generated during the lecture.

The majority of the women in the audience had suffered in a similar manner. There were all sorts of colors—blue, yellow, violet and black. Some whose vanity had induced them to put ivory on the skin, coral on the lips, rouge on the cheeks and black on the eyebrows had undergone a ludicrous transformation.

Had Case of Back Ache.

"If ever a man had back fever, Reagan had when he killed his first deer," said Duke.

"Several of us young fellows were out in Porter county hunting, and some had never seen a deer. I was walking through the woods, when I heard a noise of me the report of a rifle several times in quick succession, and you bet I got there mighty quick, for I thought some of the boys had run on a bear. Well, when I got in sight there stood Reagan pumping his old Winchester .44, and not a shell in it. When I came up, he let a yell out of him and said, 'I'll wear the feather now!' We had an old feather, and whoever killed the last deer wore it. There must have been a dozen bullets in that deer, and he couldn't tell anything about how it happened, only that he tried to shoot as long as it kicked."—Forest and Stream.

Wales' Cigars.

An American paper says that the Prince of Wales spends over £300 a year on cigars alone. This is, of course, absurd, says London Tit-Bits. As a matter of fact, his royal highness buys comparatively few cigars himself. He has no need to do so. Both the emperor of Austria and the czar of Russia make it a practice each Christmas to send cabinets of the very choicest Havana to Marlborough House, and the collection of weeds maturing there is quite sufficient to stock any tobaccoist's shop.

The Beetle.

In most European countries the tapping of the beetle known as the death watch is regarded as an omen of approaching death. Naturalists say that the curious habit this insect has of tapping the wall is a means of signaling to its mate, and that two deathwatches have been known to come together, each attracted by the other's tapping.

A Hugo Leaf.

The leaves of the talipot palm, in Ceylon, sometimes attain a length of 20 feet. The natives use them to make tents.—San Francisco Examiner.

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Advice to Byron.

Byron, one bright morning, encountered Miss Brummel returning from his tailor's. "How are you, Brummel?" said the poet. "Pretty well, thank you," returned the beau: "I've been reading 'Don Juan'." "Yes," said Byron, with a smile. "There is some clever rhyme in it." "So?" observed Byron, with affected surprise. "And some pretty good versification." "Ah?" returned the poet. "Why don't you try your hand at poetry, Byron?" asked Brummel. The two never spoke to one another again.

When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Shenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Ter., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for a doctor, but as our family physician was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Melville Bros., next to Post Office. O. W. Heister, 58 Public Square.

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Shallow Frames Versus Deep Frames For Wintering Honey Bees.

First.—Interpretive of the depth or shallowness of the frames, does the amount of comb which the cluster of bees covers at the beginning of winter, if about four-fifths filled with honey, suffice for its needs, without the cluster moving lengthwise until the season ends, or it does so readily?

Second.—Are there any essential contraindications between the maximum "deep" frames are better for wintering, and the fact that colonies have wintered well in very shallow frames, such as the Langstroth?

The beekeeper who asked the foregoing questions of *The American Bee Journal*, all gave his own idea in the matter. He said: "My idea is that very shallow frames, such as the one you are filled with honey, or nearly so, and deep frames succeed because they have enough honey in their tops, and that in neither case the cluster moves lengthwise in severe weather."

The reply from Charles Dadant and son was: "If the place occupied by the cluster, in a shallow hive, was filled four-fifths with honey, there would be no room for the bees either to breed or to cluster, as they do not like to cluster on the honey, probably owing to the fact that it is much colder than the empty comb. The back part of the hive would then be filled all the way down, and we would consider that the colony was running some risk, more so than a colony that had less honey under the cluster."

In addition to this we will say that we do not believe that a colony can have a hive as full as mentioned above and be strong, as the bees must of necessity have filled this space during the honey flow, and there is usually about two months between that date and the opening of the cold weather in which they breed more or less to keep up numbers. Bees in very shallow frames with us do not winter so well as in larger ones, as a rule, and the fact that "they have wintered well" is not an evidence that they winter as well as in the deeper ones."

C. H. Dibbels replied: "1. I think so. 2. No; the severity of the weather, strength of colony and the quality of food have more to do with successful wintering than the shape of the hive."

M. Mahin said: "1. Yes and no; depends on the latitude and the character of the weather. In some cases the honey in reach, if there were no air above the cluster, would be all consumed, and the bees would starve. 2. I do not see any."

Dr. J. P. H. Brown and G. M. DeLoe both thought the questions had been well answered by the proponents of them. Dr. Brown said: "I am a confirmed winterer of bees, and I prefer deep frames for wintering."

Subsoiling Clay Soils.

Will it pay to subsoil clay soils? Here is what an Ohio farmer says in reply in a letter to *Practical Farmer*:

If the land is not so drained, it is very doubtful whether it will pay. But the plowing to insure success should be done in the fall, and care should be taken to do it when the soil is in proper condition—not too wet. If too wet, it will become puddled and be in a worse condition than if it had not been subsoiled. This system of plowing, if properly done in the fall and if followed by a dry cropping season, usually gives good results while if followed by a wet season, but little benefit, if any at all, can be expected from it. With fine clay well tilled drained we should expect good results. It would give the plant roots more room to feed in soil that had been influenced by the air on account of the subsoil plowing, and then there would not be the risk of the soil becoming puddled or retreating to its former condition, as there would be had it not been subsoiled plowed. As the matter now stands each farmer must determine for himself whether his soil will be benefited to such an extent as to make it profitable. It is our intention to give it a trial on two drained lands having a hard clay subsoil, with the aim of subsoiling the clay in its work at subsoiling.

Continued Meat For Swine.

Results obtained at other stations have been confirmed in a series of experiments in pig feeding at the Kansas station. The meat fed consisted of hogs even when fed to small quantities, and a mixture of one fourth cornmeal and three-fourths meat was as disastrous as equal parts of these feeds. The pigs died in from three to eight weeks after being put on the feed, the larger ones holding out the longest. Post mortem examinations in all cases revealed severe inflammation and congestion of the intestines, lungs and heart. Continued meat, however, produces very rapid gains, both in pigs and hogs, and it is fed to change in the symptoms of disease appear they can be fed on rotted meat a short time with good results, according to the experiment at the Kansas station, without subsequent deleterious effect.

Protecting Bean Seed.

The following helpful hint is from *The Farm Journal*: To make sure of the bean and pea seed after it is dried and ready to put away, throw it into a tight tin or barrel and lay a piece of cotton batting upon the top. Before placing the cotton batting it with half an ounce or an ounce of kerosene oil. Then cover the tin tightly. The kerosene evaporates rapidly into a deadly gas, heavier than air. It falls down through the beans and destroys every form of animal life. After this treatment keep the beans sealed in a tight tin or barrel.

A TRAGIC ADVENTURE

The Thrilling Story of the Hanging of a Confessed Murderer.

"Through my memories when the Texas murderer, Dick Masters, was hanged," said E. M. Cary of Waco, "but the strange death of Sheriff Winters, who during the trip, has been a part of the tragedy. After Masters' body was cut down, the county physician, who had been ordered to carry the body to his private laboratory, was he used to pursue his medical experiments alone. He was in a position to observe the powerful, well developed body of Masters, so he went to work with the corpse and went to work."

The sheriff moved about his body, making a great clatter with his instruments. Several times he went to the windows and peered out, but the neighborhood was deserted. The physician observed that the drop on the scaffold had not broken Masters' neck, and the sheriff thought that was fortunate, as he always had expiated on the restoration of life whenever opportunity offered. He laid down his instruments and began to try and restore life. The evening shadows drifted into night. It was a noisy town and the shouts and laughter of revelers could be heard everywhere. Several times the crowds passing the sheriff's room thought they heard the sounds of scuffling, and more than once a muffled shout was heard. But the pleasure-seekers on the streets passed along without giving a thought to this.

On the following day Sheriff Winters failed to appear at his office. Nobody had seen him since he locked himself in the laboratory with Masters' body. Finally the mayor of the town and several deputy sheriffs went to the laboratory, but rapping at the door nor shouts would bring any answer. Then they broke open the door. The sight before them nearly turned their hair gray. The room was a total wreck. The furniture was strewn about the room, smashed to pieces, and everything bore evidence of a terrible struggle. Sheriff Winters lay on the floor, dead, and the marks about his throat showed that he had been strangled. A few feet away lay the dead body of the murderer, Masters. The faces and the garments of both men bore evidence of a hard fight. The only conclusion that could be arrived at was that Masters had revived, and on regaining consciousness and strength he attacked the sheriff and succeeded in killing him before he died himself. All this happened in the jail of Rio Grande county. —Kansas City Journal.

THIS FACT OR LEGEND?

A Queer Story About the Way in Which "Lenaule" Was Written.

In the house of a gentleman in this city we recently saw a poem written on the fly leaf of an old book. Noticing the initials "E. A. P." at the bottom, it struck us that possibly we had run across a bonanza.

The owner of the book said that he did not know who was the author of the poem. His grandfather, who gave him the book, kept an inn in Chestfield, near Richmond. One night a young man rapped at the door and asked if he could stay all night and was shown to a room.

That was the last we saw of him. When they went next morning to call him to breakfast, he had gone, but had left the book on the fly leaf of which he had written these verses:

LENAULE.
Lenaule! Angels named her,
And they took the light
Of the laughing stars and framed her
In a suit of white.
And they made her hair of gloomy
Majesty and her eyes of glowing
Moonshine, and they brought her to me
In the silent night.

In a solemn night of summer
When my life is of gloom
Blossomed up to greet the corner.
Like a rose in bloom.

All for being that distressed me
I regret as you distressed me.
Laying joy that caught and pressed me
In the arms of doom.

Only spoke the little leper
In the angels' tongue,
Yet, listening, heard her whisper
"Songs are only vain."
Rare before that they may give you
Tales are told you to do two you,
So must Lenaule leave you
While her love is young.

Then God smiled, and it was morning,
Matchless and supreme,
Even a glory sound of morning
Earth with its glory
Every heart but mine seemed gifted
With the voice of prayer and lifted
When my Lenaule drifted
From me like a dream.

—E. A. P. (Waco and Riley.)
—Kokoma (Ind.) Dispatch.

A Double Action Joke.

Dumas tells of a double action joke which he played on Meisencor, who was a botanist in his hours of leisure. The famous dramatist sent him a paper containing the dried root of a herring, telling him that it was the seed of a very rare plant. "How are the seeds coming out?" he asked the great painter the next time he saw him. "Oh, beautifully. I have planted them in a circle." And he took the astonished joker to a corner of the garden where the heads of young herrings were just peeping up.

Fiji Island Marriages.

Marriage is not a failure in the Fiji islands, for an unmarried man or woman of marriageable age is something that is rarely seen there. The natives believe that if a person dies while in an unmarried state his or her soul is doomed to wander through the endless ages of eternity in an intermediate region between heaven and hell. At the end of each moon they are allowed to look into heaven, but they are never permitted to enter.

Antient Prepared Papirus.

The parchments and papirus used by the ancients seem to have had a special preparation, by virtue of which they absorbed the ink and thus caused the writing to be almost indelible. —Nashville Record.

TO MAN AND HELPER.

THE MEANING OF A FAMILIAR ITEM WELL KNOWN TO WOMEN.

How Sam Patched the Wall Paper and How Adam and Eve Acted as Helper-Adam and Eve Agricultural Pursuits In the Garden of Eden Painted by a Modern Eve.

That too familiar item on our plumber's bill, "To man and helper," is expressive of so much in our daily domestic relations that one almost forgives the plumber the gift of the phrase.

"I'll patch up that paper on the wall," you leave it, says Sam. And then Sam appears. A day when you are in the thick of some particularly absorbing household task, and he says: "I've come only to mend that paper for me, please, I'll go this time. You say, but do it carefully, that thing, if it is early in your married life, that that will be all. Presently, however, there is a demand for rags, step-ladder, pail and whisk broom. These are you get out and return to your work."

"Fun," calls Sam, "where have you hidden my brush? It was in the toolbox right in the left hand corner, and it is gone. Where can I have taken it?" Again you leave your task and go up stairs or down stairs to the place whence cometh the brush and behold the brush a little to the northeast perchance, but quite in the visible neighborhood of that left hand corner. Without even a blush of shame he takes it, and you return to your own work. You have barely begun again, when Sam appears at the door: "Where can I find a box the right size to set on the stairs, so that I can put some boards across on which to stand the step-ladder?"

You think a minute, and you know that the only box available is one filled with odds and ends of needless kitchen things, but you resignedly lay them all out on the floor and give Sam the box, carrying at the same moment a look which reveals that he is about to ask you for the boards. There are only two long boards on the premises, and those form a walk in the backyard. Still they can be taken up, and they are—but it entails vigorous brushing and cleansing. Then for a time Sam vanishes, and all is serene, but not for long. There are a clutter of boards and pieces of masculine trouble, which you ignore, until, nudging that it is not a day for taking hints, Sam calls again, "Eve, will you please come and steady this thing, or I'll break my neck." Of course you go, and of course you find that he has not already broken it. You get odds and ends of things together to even up and prevention his rocky scaffolding, and then you sit on a step with your head up between the boards to steady the ladder, except when you vary it by handing a pail of water, or a brush, or a nail for his pipe. Then is the time you say, "To man and helper, three hours," and get your revenge, for Sam really sees the point.

Now, it is a strange thing that it is always "man and helper." If a woman and helper, as a rule she goes ahead and gets her things together and does not let herself, but if a man starts any task not in the line of his ordinary business he will manage to draw to himself the assistance of every woman within call. If it is driving nails, some one must hand the nails to him; a woman must keep them in her pocket or mouth. If he is riveting something, the woman must hold the other hammer on the under side and get in her arm the part of the stroke. If he even mends his trousers or ties his shoes, she must hold the waxed thread or turn the rod with both hands. I do not see how any married woman can doubt the truth of the Scriptures. Why, to her, the fifteenth and eighteenth verses of the second chapter of Genesis set the seal of truthfulness upon the whole. When man was made and put in the garden of Eden to tend it, he hadn't been there a day before woman had to be made to help him. He couldn't get along alone at all. Fancy him stalling out to sow his radish seed and having nobody to ask how far she thought he ought to put the rows apart, so he could put them some other distance. It must have been awful!

Poor Eve! For of all conditions of "helper" that of the gardener's helper is the worst. It is easy to imagine her—her day's work over, as the supposes—planning for a quiet rest upon a cool green bank through the long summer twilight. Along comes Adam, belated in his work, because he had been casting his line from shady nooks into deep, mossy pools, where the speckled trout are lying, and he says to Eve: "My dear, won't you come along with me in to the garden? I haven't seen anything of my darling all day. You can sit on a nice soft stone in the path while I work." And poor, easily beguiled by love Eve gets up and follows right along, but, alas, the stone has not changed its nature any more than Adam has. It is not soft, and perhaps that is the reason why Adam does not keep her sitting there long. (Good, kind Adam! He wants the rake, and it is down at the house, or maybe it was a bower, and she may as well bring along a measuring line, of which also she may hold one end when she gets back. And then as Adam gets absorbed he absorbs more and more of Eve. She takes up the weeds which he has hoed out. She holds up the vines which he ties to the trellis. She rows back and forth for the primitive implements, and she smiles, as if she enjoyed it, but it is a weary woman who, as dusk yields to darkness, accompanies Adam to the house, dragging numerous odds and ends. It is her compensation, as she greets Abel and his wife, who are waiting for her, to hear Adam telling his son, "I've done a lot in the garden tonight. I think I'll lay off in the middle of the day tomorrow and take a try for those trout in Sam's meadow brook."

At Hammerfest, in Norway, the polar light lasts from Nov. 15 to Jan. 23.

GUARDING PRISONERS.

An English Warbler Tells How Some of Them Try to Escape.

A reporter met a prison warbler the other day, and the latter, by coming common narrative, volunteered some interesting information concerning attempted escapes. Then their guardians made by prisoners who are being conveyed from the police station to the court or from one prison to another. "Only a few days ago," he said, "there was a case of two prisoners trying to break out of a prison van while being conveyed to the police court. But they were not successful. It is not in one case out of ten that they do manage to get away."

"A prisoner whom I was taking from a county prison to an assize town once offered me 2500 if I would help him to escape. He was a well known cracksmen, and I believe would have made good his promise had I helped him. All I did, however, was to tighten my grasp at the end of the handcuffs and threaten to report him. Another man stormed at me in the most revolting fashion when I refused to assist him. He said the only punishment I merited for not letting him go was to be hanged in a pan of white hot lead! He was a cheerful man, he said."

"One of the funniest offers I had made to me by a prisoner was that of a man who had had an unequalled career as a burglar. He promised to send me the proceeds of the first house he burgled after his escape."

"I had a curious experience when traveling in Manchester with one prisoner. His friends had got the tip that he would come by a certain train. When we arrived, lo! and behold, there were five or six flashily dressed mobsters waiting for us. One of them, apparently the leader, came up to me. 'How do you do, gov'nor?' said he; 'you might let me see how the handcuffs work.' He thought I was a green one—I certainly looked young. 'No, thank you,' said I; 'the next time the cuffs go on anybody they'll go on you in real earnest.' And I thereupon called up the station police officers to help me to guard my prisoner. And, sure enough, at the very next assizes, I saw the swell mobster himself standing in the dock waiting to receive sentence—he is still doing 'hard'."

"Many a time I've thought that if I were a prisoner I could easily make my escape when traveling with a warbler. And especially easy may this be done in some towns where the prisoner and warbler walk from the station to the prison. Sometimes I've had to walk through low quarters, where nearly every house contains a thief. But some how or another nothing happens. In time the chances of escape will be reduced to nil, for no prisoner will be allowed to walk in the open street from the railway station to the prison."

"In an experience of 20 years I have only known of eight attempts made by prisoners to escape. One only was successful, and then the fellow was captured the following day. Sometimes a prisoner manages to jump from a railway carriage window, but he rarely escapes. Instead, he generally smashes a leg or other limb and is speedily caught." —London Telegraph.

Schnapper or Snapper?

Fishing in Moroton bay, Queona land, is scarcely sport; it is a piscatorial battle. You are hauling up from the bottom, fathoms down, a burden which taxes all the strength and makes the perspiration ooze from every pore, yet it is grand fun for awhile. The fish bite fast and furious. As your line, after yielding its captive, is recast, it throws out contractions of silver in its rapid descent. Soon your eye discerns, flashing to and fro, as if a burnished plate were gyrating in an eddy; it assumes a lovely pink hue as you bring it nearer the surface, and then in a twinkling a burly schnapper of seven or eight pounds is flapping vigorously and noisily on deck.

Sometimes it is a fish at every haul, and under these circumstances not the least amusing part of the sport is the spectacle of a score of excited men jumping round a score of big fish, which are doing their best to convey their amazement and indignation to an unfeeling world. —Bathington Library Sea Fishing.

How and Why It Rains.

Rain is an accumulation of the tiny particles of the vapor of the atmosphere into drops. These drops, first small of size, attract others of their kind and become drops of such magnitude that they fall to the earth because of their weight. There is a limit to the quantity of water which the air is capable of absorbing and retaining as invisible vapor. Warm air is able to hold more than cold air. Hence, when the air which is saturated with moisture becomes cold for any reason whatever, it can no longer retain its moisture. A portion must, under such condition, accumulate into drops. These fall to the earth in the shape of rain. —St. Louis Republic.

LITERARY STYLE.

It Is Bore In a Man, and Can Neither Be Taught Nor Imitated.

The author of "How to Write Fiction" appears to be one of those who no longer believe in a new discovery of the secrets of human nature, and in the theories of M. Zola. You go about with a book, you become yourself with "heredity," and then if you succeed it is partly by dint of your native qualities, partly by dint of griminess not fit to be named among Christians. It is the same affair in poetry. Word-worth was a poet by virtue of his genes. He was born so. His theories hampered him, when he was true to his theories. Even our author perceives that Shakespeare and Homer did not need theories and popular science falsely so called, and this is just as true of Miss Austen at 20 and of Mr. Du Maurier at an age which we shall not conjecture.

Mr. Du Maurier was born a writer and a story teller. Thirty-five years ago he proved this in a little sketch in *Once a Week*, and rather later in his poem of "Braungrindus" in *Punch*. Only a very skilled writer could have rendered, as Mr. Du Maurier has done, the immortal little Belgian poem translated in "Triby." Yet Mr. Du Maurier has been drawing all his life, not sedulously practicing another art, under private tutors and with an eye on Professor Huxley's lectures. Improvement is not of course impossible or a matter of chance. Some men, like Balzac, have to crush their gold out of a mountain of quartz. All or nearly all who possess "style" gain it in part by cultivating a natural ear for the harmonies of prose as observed by them in the great writers. A few perhaps, but very few, have toiled like Mr. Stevenson by the way of "the sedulous ape."

Thackeray, from his Charterhouse days, was always Thackeray and could not answer an invitation to dinner without writing in the Thackeray manner. Mr. Stevenson, on the other hand, kept his dress suit of style for great literary occasions and did not wear sword, diamonds or perruque in his familiar correspondence. Yet Thackeray, to the very last, took trouble and corrected, as his manuscripts prove, while his manner was more or less conspicuously based on that of Fielding. He was a literary writer, like Tennyson, in verse, whereas we conceive that Mr. Barrie's admirable style owes nothing to literary reminiscence or the labor of the file, but is a happy, spontaneous appropriateness of utterance.

As a rule, we take it, setting aside such rare cases as those of Thackeray, Virgil, Keats and Tennyson, the people who write best do so without taking thought. Mr. Froude, whose taking manner has some strange occasional blemishes, answered very impatiently when some busybody asked him questions about his "style." He only said what he meant to say in expressions which came to him naturally and without research. On the other hand, we have now many writers of no eminence whose dull, labored manner is praised for its preciousness. In Mr. Pater we had a writer of singular natural gifts who decidedly ended by broiling and tormenting his style. And this is still more likely to be the end of men who, if they have a plain tale to tell, should tell it plainly. —London News.

Golf.

The Philadelphia Record is impressed with the weird nomenclature of golf. "The brassy niblick," it says, "the creak, the iron masher, bulger driver, the putter, the lofter and all the other varieties of sticks are in themselves enough to drive the novice to despair, but it remains for the Country Club to frame a set of rules governing the etiquette of golf. The first rule reads as follows: 'Any player losing a ball and incurring delay thereby may be passed by any other player coming up.' A twosome may pass a threesome or foursome and a foursome a threesome. A twosome may pass another twosome after giving the earlier game at the first tee a clear tee and one stroke, provided that is sufficient to put the earlier game out of range, except on the putting green, where under no circumstances shall more than one set of players be at the same time."

A Queer Cure.

In Spain a favorite panacea, in theory, for the whooping cough is found in three hairs plucked from the back of an ass. This remedy is not often resorted to in actual practice, however, from an accompanying belief that the ass from which the hairs have been plucked will die if the patient is restored to health and will die when the cough is completely gone.

Character.

Each man in his sphere, however narrow or extended, will find that his fellow men weigh his character and his abilities often and unconsciously stamp him with their estimate, and that the average result of these frequent averages is just public.

SIX O'CLOCK.

WEAK WOMEN WATCH FOR THAT BLESSED HOUR.

Help for our Working-Girls and Women Near at Hand.

(Special to the Times-Democrat.)

At the stroke of six ends the day's work at stores, offices, factories, mills, where women are employed. But their necessary work is not over. Sewing, mending, etc., must be done at that time, and their work is never done.

All women working for salaries, some for only a few cents, are the great mass of women who work for their daily bread. All are subject to the same physical laws, all suffer alike from the same physical disturbances.

They quickly drift into the horrors of all kinds of female complaints, ovarian troubles, inflammation, ulceration, falling and displacement of the womb, leucorrhoea, and perhaps irregular or suppressed "monthly periods," causing severe backache, loss of appetite, nervousness, irritability and weakness.

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A Rare Disease.

Diphtheria of the skin, a rare disease, has been cured by the use of antitoxin in a little 21-year-old Berlin girl recently. She had been badly scalded with boiling water and, as the skin was healing, was killed by her mother on the wounded spot. The mother had diphtheria and thus communicated it to the baby's skin; the throat was not affected.

The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick, N. Y., was sick with rheumatism for five months. In speaking of it Mr. Robinson says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases have been cured by it. For sale at 40 cents per bottle by Melville Bros., next to Post Office, C. W. Heister, 200 N. 2nd St., Philadelphia.

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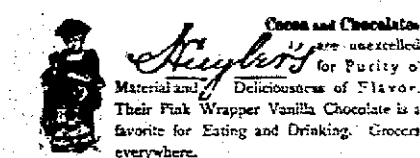
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TALES OF THE TOWN.

Field's minstrels left for Sandusky
City this morning.Born—on the 22nd inst., to Mr.
and Mrs. A. Vansky—a girl.Born—to M. Doyle and wife, of
Elizabeth street and Grand avenue—
a son.Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Alta Mc-
Clintock, of east Wayne street—a
daughter.A Market street car jumped the
Elizabeth street switch about 7:15
o'clock this morning, causing a sus-
pension of traffic on that line of
about half an hour.The funeral services of the sixteen-
month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred-
erick Frey, of 696 north Elizabeth
street, will be held from the German
Reformed church, on west Wayne
street, at 1:30 o'clock to-morrow
afternoon. Rev. Baum will conduct
the services.The carpenter shop at the C. H.
& D. depot was entered by thieves
last night and a lot of tools, con-
sisting of chisels, saws, braces and
bits, belonging to members of the
bridge gang, were stolen. Entrance
was made by breaking the latch on
the door.—*Sunday News*.

A PAIR

Of Quiet Weddings Just Made Pub-
lic.At the Grace M. E. parsonage on
south Elizabeth street, at 7 o'clock
on Christmas eve, Mr. Emmet Riden-
our and Miss Mollie Jamison were
married by the pastor, Rev. S. Baum-
gardner. Mr. Ridenour is a promi-
nent resident of Perry township, and
his bride a popular young lady of
South Lima.Mr. Harley Hoppus, a prominent
South Lima tenor artist, and
Miss Susie N. Burns were quietly
married at the residence of the
bride's parents on West street, last
Sunday evening. Rev. S. Baum-
gardner, of Grace M. E. church, per-
forming the ceremony.

Lima Elsteddod.

The musical competition to be held
on New Year's day in this city is
creating a great stir in the musical
world in this part of the country. It
is an institution of Welsh origin and
it is the Welsh who their high dis-
tinction as good singers.Lima will be thronged with mu-
sicians next Wednesday. Six big
choruses will compete for the main
prizes. There will be five male
choruses, and the contestants on the
smaller pieces are many and will
make a close but friendly meeting
for supremacy. The prizes offered
amount to some six hundred dollars
and there will be about five hundred
singers here to try to take the money
away.Three States will be represented
in the contest, the choruses, how-
ever, being all from Ohio.Frank M. Griffin,
teacher of violin, mandolin, guitar,
and all hand and orchestral instru-
ments. Terms, 75c per lesson. Room
14, Commercial block. 12cCoal—Hard, Soft
and smithing coal, at May's.

SUED FOR MONEY

Secured on Several Checks Given
Their Agent.Who is Charged with Absconding and
Being a Defaulter—A Jackson County
Coal Firm Sues a Lima Banking
House.John C. Jones, Moses Morgan, Da-
vid C. Jones, and Moses Morgan, as
executors of the estate of Elias Mor-
gan, deceased, partners as Jones &
Morgan, of Jackson county vs. the
City Bank, of this city, money, is the
title of a petition filed in Common
Pleas Court this morning. The pe-
tition states that the defendants
kept on deposit subject to check the
money of M. L. Johnston and
that the latter was indebted to the
plaintiffs on Nov. 24th, 1894, in the
sum of \$150 for coal and that John-
ston gave a check for that amount to
Charles E. Herron, an agent of the
plaintiffs, and that Herron without
any right or authority, endorsed the
check in the name of Morgan &
Jones, had the check cashed and ap-
propriated the funds to his own use.
The same causes of action are set
forth regarding an item of \$100 on
Dec. 21st, 1894; \$80 on March 2nd,
1895; \$50 on May 20th, 1895, and \$50
on May 20th, 1895.The plaintiff states that Herron
has absconded and is a defaulter to
them in a large amount.The checks were cashed in differ-
ent towns outside of Lima, reaching
the City Bank through different local
banks.

STRONG'S STORY

About That Bloody Fight on Christ-
mas Morning.Bartender Billy Strong, of the
Turf saloon, on north Main street,
was before the mayor last evening to
answer to a charge of disorderly con-
duct, he being one of the partici-
pants in the fight which occurred at
the Elk restaurant between 3 and 4
o'clock Christmas morning.Strong was willing to plead guilty
to the charge, but wanted the mayor
to make an investigation of the case
before imposing his fine.He claimed that Jack Connors
started the trouble, and that the
man named Hickey, who was said to
have been implicated in the trouble,
only tried to separate him and Con-
ners.The latter has not yet been ar-
rested.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Who They Are, Where They Have
Been and Are Going.Ed Long is home from Cincinnati.
E. F. Hall and wife were at the
Northrop last night.Mrs. Geo. Parmenter has returned
from a visit in the east.Charley Thoring, of St. Marys, was
in the city last evening.Geo. H. Boyle spent Christmas at
his home in Huntington, Ind.Miss Lucy Jackson, of Van Wert,
is the guest of relatives here.Louis Haglebarger is spending the
holidays with his brother at Anna.Prof. Chas. Richmond is home
from Kokomo, Ind., to spend the
holidays.George Rumble, of New York, is
the guest of his mother on west Mar-
ket street.Jas. West, of Toledo, came down
this morning to attend the funeral of
Mrs. Ewing.Attorney D. M. Bailey was down
from Ottawa last night and stopped
at the Northrop.Miss Adeline Traim, of Delphos, is
visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lou Ward, of
north Main street.Marsh Cunningham and sister, Miss
Ethel, of Marion, have returned
home, after a visit here.Miss Julia Ackerman is in Colum-
bus attending a meeting of the Ohio
Music Teachers' Association.Mrs. Philip Nestel, of Ft. Wayne,
Ind., is visiting her daughter, Mrs.
H. S. Cherry, of 316 west Vine street.Miss Clara Fisher, of Cridersville,
and Miss Carrie Weott, of this city,
went to Bluffton to-day to spend the
holidays.Mrs. H. W. and A. J. Vining, of
Osgood, O., are spending the holidays
with Mrs. Pete Simons, of 331 north
Main street.Theo. Lantz, formerly with the L.
& W. but now of Toledo, has re-
turned to the Maumee City, after a
short visit here.Mrs. J. W. Campbell left for her
home in Portland, Oregon, to-day,
after a visit with her brother, C. W.
Fangle, and wife.Mrs. J. C. Haller, of Ohio City,
who has been visiting Mrs. Clarence
McDonahay, went to Lima Wednes-
day morning.—*Van Wert Bulletin*.Matthew Smith, train dispatcher
for the C. H. & M. at Lima, spent
the fore part of the week visiting
Walter Greenwood.—*St. Marys Graph*.Rev. J. H. Harshberger, pastor of
the M. E. church at St. Marys, was
the guest of Rev. and Mrs. S. Baum-
gardner at Grace M. E. parsonage on
Christmas Day.Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kerker, for-
merly of this city, but now of Toledo,
accompanied by Miss Mabelle Webb
and Chas. Vogt, were the guests ofJ. M. Hull and wife, in Cleveland, on
Christmas day.Llew Gillingham, of Sidney, was in
the city to-day.Attorney John Poe, of Findlay,
was in town to-day.Mrs. E. H. Mattice and son are
visiting in Rochester, Ind.Attorney S. A. Armstrong, of
Celina, was in the city to-day.Miss May Cook is spending the hol-
idays at her home in Waynesfield.Louis Haglebarger is spending the
holidays with his brother in Anna.H. H. Fletcher, of Urbana, is here,
spending the week with his family.George F. Geiger, of Holmes ave-
nue, is visiting relatives in Gallon, O.Sanitary Policeman Wise has re-
turned from Bluffton, where he visit-
ed relatives.Mr. T. S. Ballinger and sisters,
Mabel and Lulu, are spending the
holidays in Bellefontaine.James Murdock and C. B. Stuart,
of the Natural Gas company, were at
the Lima House last evening.M. J. Flahie, of Findlay, spent
Christmas with his brother, P. H.
Flahie, and wife, of north Elizabeth
street.Mrs. W. E. Swindler and Mrs.
Margaret Wallace, of north Elizabeth
street, are entertaining their father,
Mr. Hale, of Niles.Mrs. Chas. Garland and children,
Fred and Marie, of Allegheny, Pa.,
are visiting Mrs. J. P. Jackson, of
south Elizabeth street.Misses Barbara Schulz and Anna
Klein and Mr. Wm. Klein left this
morning for Spencerville, to spend
several days with friends.Mr. C. G. Cotral, wife and son re-
turned to their home in Dayton to-
day, after spending Christmas with
his sister, Mrs. Dan Lynch.Chas. C. Davis, the well known
Columbus newspaper man who was
elected to the legislature from Frank-
lin county this fall, was at the Lima
House to-day.Miss Mary Wright, of Lima, is a
guest of Mrs. A. B. Letter.—Miss
Nellie Sherman was a guest of Lima
friends yesterday.—Mr. and Mrs. W.
E. Coleman were guests of Lima re-
latives.—*Van Wert Bulletin*.Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dalton and
children, of south Lima; Mr. and Mrs.
Fitzpatrick, of Olean, N. Y.; Mrs.
Dalton, of Erie, Pa., and Mrs.
Prophater, of Pittsburg, Pa., all ate
turkey Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm.
Striff, of north Main street.Hon. W. H. Kinder will go to
Lima to-day on business connected
with the receivership of the Ohio
Southern railroad. Messrs. Ross &
Kinder are attorneys for the car-
trust who are interested in the case
mentioned.—*Findlay Republican*.Thos. Ray, Glenn Crum and Clar-
ence Ludwig went to Lima this af-
ternoon.—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hughes,
of Lima, were Christmas guests at
the home of S. C. Rolosen.—John
Finn came over to spend the evening
with Delphos friends last night.—C.
W. Bissley and wife, of Lima, were
guests at the home of G. G. Frank-
enberg yesterday.—R. H. Gamble, of
Lima, was here Tuesday afternoon to
look after the printing of the water
works specifications.—Sheriff Fisher
and wife and Mrs. Jennie Neff, of
Lima, ate turkey with Mr. and Mrs.
A. L. Fisher, of Ohio street.—*Del-
phos Herald*.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

The case of Mrs. M. B. Eby vs. the
Lima Electric Street Railway com-
pany for damages for injuries re-
ceived by being run down and in-
jured by a car at the Kibby street
crossing a year or so ago, is still oc-
cupying the attention of Judge
Mooney and a jury in common pleas
court.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Wm. A. Stevenson and Edna Chap-
man.

Only a Drunk.

A stranger giving his name as Pat
Dudley, was locked up about 12:30
o'clock last night for drunkenness.
He was not yet sober when arraigned
for the mayor this morning, and
claimed that he had taken
whiskey for medicine. The mayor
instructed the chief to hold
the prisoner until this afternoon and
then release him if sober.

Choral Meeting.

Special choral meeting this evening
on elsteddod music.
Ladies' chorus at 6:30.
Full chorus at 7:30.
Let all be present on time.
C. E. THOMAS, Sec'y.

Scarlet Fever Again.

Last night a case of measles, at the
residence of John Swaney, 117 west
Wayne street, was reported to the
health officers, and to-day a new case
of scarlet fever at 1102 east High
street, was reported.

Home Bakings.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Grace
M. E. church will hold an exchange
at Sullivan's grocery, Saturday, Dec.
28th. All kinds of the best home
bakings will be on sale. It

\$600.00 in Prizes

Will be competed for at the Elsteddod
on New Year's, at the opera house. It

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SPECIAL IMPORTATION

Of Fine Liquors Made for the Oak
Restaurant.Mr. Leo. Straus, the well-known
liquor man, was in the city this week
for the first time since his trip
abroad in the interests of Straus
Bros. Co., of Chicago. Mr. Straus
went abroad in the interest of his
firm and visited Italy, Austria, Ger-
many, France, Holland, Belgium,
Spain and England, and was in-
structed by C. S. King, of the Oak,
to make some special purchases for
him while abroad. The list includes
Rhine Wine, Claret Wine, Hennessy
Brandy, Holland Gin, Jamaica Rum,
Port Wine, Sherry Wine, Scotch
Whisky, Irish Whisky, Hungarian
Blackberry and Prune Brandy.These goods are all straight im-
ported and direct through the United
States bonded warehouses and are
now enroute to Lima.
Mr. King bought of Mr. Straus
while here, a lot of fine old whiskies
—Rye and Sour Mash, none younger
than ten years old. eod t f w it

ROYAL ARCANUM

Elects Officers for the Ensuing Year
—Who They Are.The following officers were elected by
the Royal Arcanum at the last
meeting:
R. D. Kable, representative to
grand council; Jno. F. Lamberton,
alternate; Harry Anders, regent; Chas.
B. Churchill, vice regent; D. C. Hen-
derson, orator; W. E. Orchard, secre-
tary; F. C. Cunningham, collector;
D. S. Irwin, treasurer; A. J. Lones,
chaplain; Chas. W. McKibben, guide;
T. N. Cunningham, warden; Hugh
Williams, sentry; J. P. Harley, trustee.The installation will occur Jan.
14th. This order is growing rapidly
and now numbers 170,000 members.

MUST STAND IN.

Linnell was in Findlay all Day After
He Escaped Jail.Charles Linnell, who was such a
privileged character at the police sta-
tion as to be allowed to walk out un-
molested and escape while a charge
of robbing a man of \$1,500 is hang-
ing over him, remained in a bawdy
house at the West End on Tuesday
until about 8 o'clock in the evening,
when he was taken to Stuartsville in
a carriage and there boarded the
10:14 o'clock train on the Nickel
Plate for Chicago.—*Findlay Republi-
can*.

OIL AND GAS.

The eastern oil market was ad-
vanced five cents to-day. The Lima
market was unchanged.

THE ROCK DIPS.

It may be interesting to some of
our readers to know that the Tren-
ton rock in the vicinity of the Mont-
gomery and Southern wells lies about
twenty feet higher than it does
around the out skirts of the pool, par-
ticularly to the north. It is a theory
pretty well confirmed that wherever
the Trenton is elevated, there big
wells will be found, as the salt water,
being the heavier, always seeks the
lower levels and the oil, being lighter,
is forced into the higher levels. Be-
yond the regions where the rock is
depressed it may rise again, and un-
doubtedly does, and as soon as the
drill finds that location, another big
pool will be opened.—*Bluffton News*.

CELINA HAS A WELL.

The well put down by Houser,

TO FIGHT IN PRIVATE.

Kennedy and Bayliff Will Take
Further Chances With Sheri.It has been announced by mar-
Charles R. Smith, president of
Olympic Athletic Club, of To-
that the Kennedy-Bayliff fight for
heavy-weight championship of
has not been finally declared off.
Twice have these men been
vented from meeting by sher-
once at North Baltimore and
at Kanton. Upon another oc-
the mall was scheduled to
place in Toledo, but a
jury investigation of the
Brown-Frank Gerrard co-
flushed the game. The
and place of the proposed
battle will be kept secret, and a
limited number of tickets at
prices will be issued, and the
parties only who can be trusted
plicity. As both men are in
condition it is thought that
meeting will not be later than
ary 10th.

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

INCREASED FACILITIES.

Wm. M. Green, general manager;
F. O. Husted, superintendent, and
C. G. Waldo, general superintendent,
prominent officials of the C. H. & D.,
were in the city Tuesday conferring
with Theo. Sills, regarding the fea-
sibility of increasing the switching
facilities in this city. Owing to the
great amount of freight handled of
late, the company has concluded to
enlarge the yard and will expend
\$10,000 in that direction. Work will
be commenced at once.—*Piqua Dis-
patch*.

NOTES.

The Lima Northern crosses the C.,
H. & D. a mile south of Leipsic.Switchman Gregory, of the L. E.
& W., has been given a charge of a
night switching crew.The employees at the L. E. & W.
shops now begin work at 7, instead
of 6:30 o'clock, in the mornings.Al Wyke, of Xenia, O., formerly a
brakeman on the Pan Handle, has
accepted a position as a brakeman on
the C. H. & D.Frank Wilson, until recently a
brakeman on the Lima Line, has ac-
cepted a position as a switchman in
the C. H. & D. night yards.Brakeman Tom Stombaugh, re-
cently of the Big Four, spent Christ-
mas with his parents on St. Johns
avenue. He states that he will start
for Texas in a few days.The local night switchmen say
that night before last was the worst
night they have had to work through
for years, not excepting the most se-
vere weather last winter.The mail crane at Milton has been
repaired and an order has been posted
to the effect that C. H. & D. trains
5 and 6 need not reduce their speed
to receive and throw off the U. S.
mail.The new shops of the New York
Central at Depew are said to be the
most complete in every respect ever
built in this country. The shops are
equipped entirely with modern ma-
chinery, well lighted and ventilated,
and one of the finest electric light
plants in the country was completed
this week.Catarrh can be successfully treated
only by purifying the blood, and the
one true blood purifier is Hood's
Sarsaparilla.

Largest Entry List

Ever known in an Ohio Elsteddod
for New Year's day. Lima Elsteddod
will be long remembered. Be

WANTED—A PEST HOUSE.

The Board of Health Wants An
Small-pox Scare.The regular meeting of the
Board of Health was held in the
city office last night.
The following December
was submitted by Health
Rudy, and after being read was
motion, received and filed:
Measles, 1 case; scarlet fev-
cases. Total number of death
ported, 19.The December bills were at
by the finance committee, and
board recommended payment.Upon motion the Health
was authorized to purchase 500
tard cards and to correspond with
secretary of the State Board
Health in reference to some pi-
circulars relative to sanitary la-Dr. Rudy requested the bor-
take some action toward secur-
pest house before the city go
another embarrassing position
want of one. He stated that a
small-pox were becoming num-
along the Ohio river; that a
case might develop here at any
and the health department wou
be prepared to take proper care
victim and to prevent the d
from spreading.After considerable discussion
the health officer's request, a m-
carried instructing the clerk to
the matter submitted to the
council for action by that body.

STREET TALK.

The Charity Ball, which will
place in Music Hall this evening
be the social event of the season
the attendance promises to be
liberal, as the worthy object of
The floral decorations and d-
of the main hall and reception
were completed this afternoon
everything is in readiness for
event.Luncheon will be served to
attendance, free of extra c-
Dancing will commence at
o'clock.An invitation has been receiv-
Lima Lodge of Elks to attend
dedication of the new lodge ro-
the Ft. Wayne Lodge of Elks o-
Year's night. It is quite pr-
there will be a large attendan-
Lima Lodge.

Children Cry

Pitcher's Castoria